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I know most of our veterans are 90 or you know close to a hundred years old. And I saw the news where several, of them were travelling to France to make it there.

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So they'll be there for the programs at least. Or 2 museum is in New Orleans or on D-day, which will be Thursday.

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Here's the national D-day Memorial. They've also got a website with the NATO program.

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And then there's another website, D-day, overhauled. So, they've all, and built the Battle Autumns Commission.

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They're responsible for all the overseas cemeteries and they've got an 80 day program.

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So anyway, there are a lot of things. That happening this Thursday. So I'm not celebrate, but it's to remember, And, Alright, come on.

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There we go. So once the DVD stand for, well, I think, generalized now, I was asked about this, but, basically the Times magazine had a pretty good article about it.

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We mean the undetermined day an hour of the start of the military operation. So that way they can talk in generalities and not give the secrets away about when they're going to do this.

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So that's generally that's it. Now according to the Times article One of the best explanation was that the French Use the D is disembarkations.

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So I mean, if you embark, get it off someplace. Then when you leave, you this part.

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So anyway, that the French. Kinda, I think that's the word, came from, but there are all sorts of out.

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Explanations for that, but you can read it up here on this link. And let me, while I'm thinking about it.

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I wanna add some files here too. Well, I'm thinking about it.

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This is for our folks on the line. These will be, this is the presentation. And then also.

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Hey, resource. Document I put together. You're more welcome to use this.

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These are all free. We've done with this. And, anyway, you can.

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Use these whatever you want or research and so forth. So. Anyway, So, Yeah, operation was called overboard point.

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But, basically. Let me look at this.

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Oops, and then go back a bit. Overord was, the name of the operation and there were 5 beaches that they had planned to invade and they were named Utah, These 3 go, you know, sort, we're under British control.

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And then the US would be responsible for Utah on Omaha beaches. Over 7,000 ships, almost over 200,000 naval personnel in 8 countries participated.

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133,000 trips from the states and from bridge. They they landed on D-day.

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Casualties Somewhere around 10,300 and these numbers They're gonna fluctuate.

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Cause every place I went and looked, all had something different. I mean, nobody knows for sure. In terms of the casualties but Anyway, you'll send

these numbers kind of fluctuate a little bit, but that's I think it's depending on who's doing research.

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So anyway, by the end of the June, And over 3 quarter of a million men had landed.

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A 150,000 vehicles. I'm almost 570,000. Tons of supplies that landed on normally shores.

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And that's, and, the, the resources that were put into this, program and you can read about this too.

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I got a lot of information from new IDIs in our presidential library. And this link will take you to an article, all about about the D-day.

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But documents are available as well. And that's very interesting too, because if you're a historian or end of military history, a lot of good information here at the DI is in our presidential library.

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So. And here's the word bigot. Usually that's what we think is something, Somebody who's not very nice or something that turns out.

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That Churchill had turned, this term, and instead of the British invasion, are drawn up by territory.

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So on their secret documents, They had an even higher classification than top secret. So that's when they, they, that was, that man is really at the very top level and only the upward it's really at the very top level and only the upward it's along the folks.

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Got to see these documents. And here's a copy of one because they're talking about. They're discussing about the, invasion and.

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And we'll get into this a little bit more but they were talking about increasing it from 3 division supply divisions and the reason why.

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And here you go. So here's the stamp. And then in the next explanation here, so.

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I've got links in here on this on our presentation that you're all active. I should take you there and like even here for the Eisenhower library.

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See if we can get it come up. So there's the document. Thank you. Amble.

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Why didn't they choose some place closer? Well, the Germans actually thought that they would invade, invaded the, or area because it's a short distance between England and France.

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It's only about 20 miles. Germs they thought for sure you know that's where they would debate but turns out the reason they picked normally was several reasons one, they, one, they could not fail on this operation.

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It was a, it was not an operation. And the need to guarantee the test. As I mentioned earlier, they increased to 5 divisions from 3.

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So, the, the, the Germans have gotten off the beach at and then circling troops. So they thought 5 divisions would be a wide enough, invasion, prevent the Germans from getting the upper hand hunts.

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And like I say, they're required, conservative, many logistics. Now, the reason they chose Normandy.

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Is there a cover? Norman was within allied air cover. Rocksman, to England was, you know, provided back to their sport.

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Defensive considerations normally wasn't nearly as protected as a wooden, portal, part of Calais, because the Germans really thought that's where they're gonna be.

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So they concentrated a lot of their defensive things out there, but the Germans knew. That the France was a wide country.

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So they had defensive places all up and down coast France, almost 2,400 miles worth. And it's really, they put a lot of money and resources into trying to defend this.

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They called it the Atlantic wall. But then anyway, considering Normandy, he was less heavily dependent. They want to exploit the relative vulnerability of the area and then in terms of strategic importance.

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They want, they need to open up the second front. They take the heat off of, the, who are fighting the Germans in eastern Europe, that was the main impetus and, and, and, and, the allies to open up this front so that, you know, he wouldn't take the brunt of this front so that you know he wouldn't take in the brunt of everything Germany

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had. Now the the problems they had though. Yeah, getting across to the channel is rough seas and unpredictable weather.

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You know it was more than 30 or 40 miles across and the Atlantic wall is again, as I mentioned, the enemy had spent months reconstructing a line of obstacles along the French coast.

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And this included bunkers, landmines, beaches, water obstacles. And they were trying to make it as hard as possible for anybody to.

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Right. Now the other part had too. Oh, we have to consider the invisible enemy.

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Cause with the Germans, they were good at building fortifications. They were also good. Fortifying positions.

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And they would hide their machine guns or weapons and so forth. They made it almost hard to see, you know, when they vision began.

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So the, the hardest part because they, they advanced against machine guns, worked fire and everything else.

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And the only thing they had to really protect themselves, they had a pickaxe in which they can, the other part of it was logistics and supply challenges.

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That was a massive logistic ever. That US had to ship on 7 million tons of supplies.

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Into the St in area, including almost half a million times. Ammunition. I mean, there is.

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It was amazing how much supplies it took to build this up. And this was to ensure that they had a continuous flow of troops.

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And equipment for, you know, to make sure the invasion was successful. The other thing they were doing too is Recon.

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They need to, recall in the area. And this is the this was the area of interest within this circle right here, but.

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To keep the Germans off. You know, not for finding out what their intentions were, they flew reconnaissance all up and down this coast.

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Just to make sure the Germans knew they weren't just concentrating on this area, but they were trying to keep them, you know, off guard in case there was someplace else.

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You can see how narrow it is here. Okay, right here. And here's, you know, that's about 20 miles.

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That's amazing. You know, that's why the Germans were thinking that then, you know, that's going to be the place where they're most likely to be.

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Now, the other thing we had going for too is, They had a deceptive army.

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This is a rubber tank. Did was. Okay. So they're creating this fake army because they needed to throw the Germans off make sure that You know, they thought that we're the invasion was gonna take place was not where it's gonna be, but they also needed a general or a commander.

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Who is well known and it turns out that. And, Got it. Helped things along because.

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Even though he was a great technical commander and the Germans knew it, he also was political liability because he had slapped a couple of soldiers.

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And but they made use of it because they'd seen him around making these speeches and then they brought him back and made him the commander.

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Hello. It is. Hi, my name is Autumn Chapa with Triple in New Mexico.

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I think that you have it with me tomorrow afternoon. So what is it that you're exactly?

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Oh, what is some advice on an upcoming? Trip to Europe for a river cruise and in particular I want to see if we can get maps of countries.

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Already books across? Yes. We would like to invite a minute from the company about various aspects of that.

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Alright, hopefully I got you all. I'm still stop. Yeah, I think I know. I'm doing good.

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Okay. Hopefully. And let's see, Alright, back to the back of the thing. And I'm sorry, I forgot to probably tell people that they need to use themselves for their online.

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But so, was really ideal general put in in charge of the. Germans knew and had great respect for it because they fought him in through North Africa.

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So they put that in charge of this fake already. Now. There you go to make this deception work.

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They also had scripted radio transmission. So when They made the fake messages that were trips from gonna leave the United States.

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They had back messages when they arrived in England. And then with the troops that were coming in to England, they sent him over and they constructed mess halls, hospitals, animal depose, all for the And it was it really was a great deception.

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And like I said, this, we saw the tank, the inflatable tank.

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The story goes that this farmer came out. And he's all, he saw this bull looking at this tank that was in his wheel.

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He's oh god, and Bull's gonna kill himself. This is he gets that time he's dead.

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Well, parent, and bull did charge thing, but all they heard was the hiss in the tank.



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So, anyway. So, in the farmer. So, but anyway, yeah, the US had these inflatable tanks.

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They would have man come around and move them to make it look like they were actually being used. Then these guys would create tracks.

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To make it look like. Thank you. So, yeah, this is all part of the deception.

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And they, you know, this is all part of the deception and they, you know, had to be foolproof because they want to make sure the germs were focused on.

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Pat and this big car. This, so, Oops, alright, so there's a picture of George Pat.

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He's a 3 star camera. But this was also, you know, with these inflatables and everything else, the Germans would use these reconnaissance aircraft and fly over high altitudes and take pictures just like we did in France.

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So they sure that the speaker army looked really not everybody else. And so it worked. It really did.

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Because the Germans focused on the Calais and most of their defensive preparation for there.

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Alright. And also in terms of deception, here was the patches of this fake army. These patches were created.

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To make the germs think that if they were going across on these batches that they were really Really units.

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So and you can also read this too because down here on this, Go back up. I've got to this one.

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It talked about that and goes on in detail. And It's really kind of an interesting story. It worked.

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So on D day. Do I? DIs now are issued this order of the day in this.

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This letter is the order which is through, you know, beginning, innovation. And basically he starts off with saying you, you know, Z, Sailors, Herman.

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You're about to embark on the Great Crusade or which we have striving as many months.

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The is a world where farm and they really work. But this is a copy of this letter. And you can also find this at the DIDI's and our presidential library as well and so forth.

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But it is. He was correct. And basically, he was saying down here this is our home front have given us overwhelmed superiority and weapons and munitions.

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And places our disposal great reserves to train fighting men. The diet is turn the free man of the world or marching together in victory.

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Anyway, he says I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty, feel bad. So that was his letter.

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Beginning the, the invasion, the 1st units to take off for the airborne units.

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These were 2, 2 divisions. They were 2 land in. I'm an army area.

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They were paratroopers. Did you second 1st airborne? We. Probably have heard these use.

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For. And then they also flew in all 4,000 died or in from tree man to be dropped in and in the back and you go shooting around 6 to 5, so.

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Log trips going in, just to get behind the German lines.

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Alright. Oops. Sorry. And here's a picture of us and our talking to the airborne troops or they lowered up.

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And basically though they were to. Block. They were there to block approaches for the, keeping from, getting to Utah Beach.

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And to capture the causeway, they were their encryption causeways, all the beach exits and also established crossings over these 2 rivers.

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And it was the US 5th core and then merged these 2 American beaches, Utah and Omaha.

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And give you an idea. Here's a map of the. Invasion plans. And here's the Eastern Task Force. This is the Bridge.

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Airborne troops. They were on land on the eastern side of the 5 beaches they had they had the intentions of capturing certain bridges over rivers.

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Ours, they were coming over on the west side. And they would split off and they had the Western.

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Sorry, they coming on this side of shore. I mean the peninsula and then you and then the 80 second was going over here.

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And there are some things that happen, tell some confusion and we will get into that a little bit, but you can see this is again all the task force.

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You just say we're gonna approach normally. There were 5 of them again and so Imagine all the logistics and keeping these soldiers.

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Pinned up on you know on this coast lines you know you get ready for this invasion So, preparations, you can read about this.

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There are minutes. You're on June second. This is out there. Good our presidential papers.

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They're talking about the conditions in Dormy. It was they were experiencing a lot of good storms.

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And it was the weather was kinda really dicey. They'd already put off, one.

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Post moment back in May. They were trying to hit. And, that they were at high tide.

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They needed full. So there are certain conditions, weather conditions, that'd be just right. But anyway, you can read about here.

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I'm not gonna labor on this, but they did extensive planning. I mean, obviously. They have that many, you know, they have any man, no, there's any mutations that are needed, supplies, trucks, equipment.

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Preparation for that but you can read about these things too because they're I mean they're they're interesting too because it is the actual Report.

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It's not, it's not an edited. I guess it's called D-day, you know, they the operational reports, June second through 17.th

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And it is actually. Written up, you know, such that. It's very interesting if you're a historic historian.

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So anyway. What it's worth. Go to go this and take a look at these papers. Now they are more units.

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Like I say, it begins with the airborne, being dropped in. These were the locations where they were supposed to be.

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Unfortunately, what happens and with most things, all the great things happen. You know, nothing ever goes for the plan.

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The most part I did but it was they had the Airbnb. A lot of aircraft got confused.

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They also. They were receiving, anti aircraft fire. And consequently, the airplanes either.

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Got off course and scattered the airborne trips quite a bit. So I'm dead, drop points, but as these areas here, you see, little hash lines, these are flooded areas.

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The Germans had flooded the lowlands. Along here just to disrupt any type of military exercise.

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And according to the report the yearborn use that we're dropped in here a lot of gut scattered, but it also worked through our bench too.

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Like I said, with, he started with 2 Mission, one called Albany and the other in Boston.

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Yeah, each of them were 3 regimental size landings. And then these were all labeled before this.

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And so anyway, the 100 and 1st was on the east side and then the 80 second was on the west.

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So. What happened was despite all the planning from the Airbnb, basically aircraft or not configured right navigation.

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Obviously, 60% of the aircraft didn't have a navigator on board. So the pilots were to do their own nav.

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Radio science, they could talk to each other. Weather was also bad because there's so there's a lot of bank at 1,500 feet.

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And then, they had it also ground fog, when he drops up so they didn't recognize there is, they were supposed to be, dr.

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And here this one talks about the limitations of this transponder, radar system. This was supposed to guide the aircraft in.

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Didn't work exactly the way it was. It was pretty short range too. It wasn't long range.

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It was short range. And consequently things did not work the way you're supposed to. Anyway, they said here, mercy usage of Rebecca by numerous loft aircraft calls jamming in the system.

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Course again, early marked drop zones. And then here's the other big thing was the C.

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47 either were above or below the negative 700 foot drop. Okay. And to the guys who dropped below 700 feet, their shoots didn't quite open up.

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And so they hit the ground pretty hard. A lot of them are injured. Because their shoots didn't slow them down.

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Of course, if you drop above that 700 foot and you drifted. Whatever weather's doing.

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So anyway, then on top of that, aircraft head, back to second our 3rd password, So it scattered the airborne units pretty good.

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But it worked our advantage because it, the, the, the, going on. It got all these guys coming in.

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You know, what's going on here. So anyway. And it turns out that the Germans.

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I thought there wasn't an invasion. So a lot of their officers were not present. Ronald went to Paris for his wife's birthday.

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A lot of the officers were given the weekend off. They were all in Paris. So anyway, it really did confuse the German army because they had they really didn't understand what was going on with all these.

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Here Alright, so anyway, now with the outlined Air Forces. They made it awesome, made it possible for us to see because one they were working on loophole.

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With all the bombing taking place. In Europe, especially in Germany. They were trying to eliminate your aircraft and airfields, the loophole.

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They were also crippling entering transportation, meaning they were bombing the railroads and their supply lines.

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So they were disrupting any fast transportation units. To the invasion area. They were also used together in intelligence.

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That's why we were talking about the recall. They were flying up and down the coastline gathering.

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Pictures and intelligence and so forth, of what German units were there and then also directly supporting the like ground courses on D-day.

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The best they could. I mean, they still had problems because the overcast and the weather was not the best in the world.

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But It did a pretty good job. And here's kind of a pictorial. How the air forces were working.

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And you got fighter units here you know protecting their troops medium bombers, they're coming over and dropping bottoms on, the casements, their orifications.

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The air barn units. And drop in and over on the east side. And then you have strategic.

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You're after the, you know, that you've got in place. Industrial sites.

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They were also even at the Air aircraft factories. Trying to eliminate is, you know, slow down the production of aircraft.

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So. This gives you an idea of what the LA Air Force is we're doing. On the, And then we get to what we call HR, which is the actual D, the hour, which the invasion.

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We have 5 beaches, Utah over here. They're trying to cut off.

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And, And it was a combination of these, you know, between US and British Commonwealth.

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Again, here's a more detailed map. And this gives you an idea. Here's the Navy and they're transporting all these guys over.

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There are 5 task force. And you have all these ships. Here's the Texas, which is the, one battleships that the United States sent over.

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Little harder in 21 got repaired Same over to Europe. And they're using they've added the Texas as a gun support, platforms.

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So they can, you know, well, thank you. Blast away at the fortifications and so forth.

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Then you have a lot of destroyers. You have 13 stores, 1113 over here on the bridge side.

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You have 11 and 8 restorers and these guys are coming in close to the beach provide fire sport. There you have also transports.

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And so forth. Anyway, this, I mean, this is a complicated, And the nice thing was that it's basically you have your ships like the Texas, the cruisers in the Texas, battleships, they can set off outside German artillery.

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And they were able to shoot long distances.

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We'll start with, this was the British East from most beach. And this is the second army's 1st core was to be commanded by this General Cocker.

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And it's 5 miles. And we went from this mouth, the river or on the east and further, they had the subdivided these things always into landing sectors.

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And anyway, it would intersect over on the east side or website. This area, my French is not very good, so.

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You can do better. Anyway, so what their goal was to, they were trying to advance into the city.



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Okay. Which was 7 half miles from the beach. Cause it had, it was a good focal point for roadways and infrastructure and so forth.

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So they need to capture that as soon as it could. They also wanted to capture this airfield. They had sent, their airborne, and it's over to secure bridges over the river on and on canal.

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And then also secure the high ground and they actually did link up. To their forces by the end of the day, but, Anyway, it There was the, that was the 1st beach in which they would go.

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But the results were. You know, they, they landed on, almost close to 30,000. They had 683 casualties and that includes lots of while they, so when the casualty is mentioned, it means, you know, kill missing.

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So, that mean, yes, per se, but usually, casualties, the one of these 3 things.

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But anyway, what happened was the tack on console. After 3 days, 5 because of stiff German resistance.

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And they would not catch upon until the end of June or July. Do you know, beach was the next one.

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It would be responsible, this was probably by the Canadian Army. They had a pretty easy and most part they were cut off this road.

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And formerly between the 2 bridge, beaches on either side. These 2 units the 7 16th infantry division and this 21st Here's the other problem the Germans had too.

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Order of command and Hitler had basically said We're not moving any troops unless I give the command.

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Well, he wasn't woping up when this started. And when he did wake up. You need to consider it to be the invasion.

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He thought this was the thing. And so he was late, he delayed giving these orders to move these divisions and the expansion divisions up. Thank you.

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So constantly, commanders chopping into bit, but they couldn't because of the command structure.

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They couldn't move them up. And so the delay allowed the Allow the allies to grab the beaches.

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So if they had if they had been on top of this and might have been a different story. I don't know.

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Again, here we are with the mixed results, although some units they had easier, it's based on the north side, south sidebound, and more off schools and resistance heavy.

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Here again, the Air Force's did their best to try to provide, support, but because of low clouds, they couldn't hit most of the defenses.

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So in terms of the naval bombardment had better results. And also the other thing I worked in our favor is, for not completed.

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So, but they were still underwater obstacles, lines, they still cause a lot of problems.

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340 did. 500 7,447 captured. That's not really, I wouldn't consider it as high, but it's still.

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You need to lose all your guys anyway. You'd read more about this. This is the Canadian Cyclopedia and these 3 links will tell you more about the Story, Juno rather than me, Gold Beach was the last of the bridge beast is that they were responsible for.

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They needed to capture this particular town. And then they were also the established contact with Omaha with the American forces.

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And then link up with the other Canadian forces on Juno. So, they were facing off the German 3 50 second entry division and the It's 7 16th century.

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This 3 50 second will come into play here a little bit later too. We'll know more about them.

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And, and then we also, the results were, They had some success, all of the resistance and strong, okay, there, are, in, gun, casements.

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They were protected by thick concrete so they could only be taken out by a direct assault. But they still manage to get into the interior.

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They did some heavy house, the house fighting, but they turned turned out German defenders, even though they were still pockets.

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Yeah, throughout the But they were still. Stopped short of their, D-day objectives.

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I think they got about. He's talking about 3 1 7. Now, like I say, these numbers, they don't have reporting down here at the bottom.

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And here they say approximately 1,100 with 300 people killed. These numbers buried because I don't know if they had a really good.

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Accounting, how many people died, or how many soldiers died at the time. Let me give you an idea.

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Here's the pictorial. The bridge that go, you know, sort of reaches. These little hash marks were all German in defensive areas.

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These were drawn true areas that are on here. And then you can see when they made the initial result, they were pushing the, back.

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And then at the end of the day. This was the final position. The bridge forces, the, And you can, you can go to the Britannica and buy this.

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Victoria and also let me just bring it up here. Hello, better description of how. You know, the fact is figures and so forth.

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And then, you know, they give you a match and now I do stuff. So.

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Anyway, but it's it's going to be sure. It compares. And it tells you about the infantry troops landed and casualties again you notice there's a little bit different from everything.

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I've been talking about. They all start with casualties. You know, with Victoria.

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It also marks off the, who's able to against and they were coming across. Anyway, it's, I thought this, solution, the bridge.

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Participation. So, This is probably most famous, the most busiest beach of the 5. It was, on Utah, I think they said that ICR named this after 2 of his officers because they were one was from Nebraska.

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And the other one was from Utah. And so they just named these 2 beaches after them, That may be, 5, 3, Anyway, Omaha was the deadliest of the beach.

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And it was it was responsibility the United States Army. Of course, again, the Maybe provided and Coastguard with.

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Provide the support from the ocean. And they were go they were trying to get in 5 miles deep.

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Linking up with the British and, Gold Beach on the east and then. Making up with Utah, I mean, 5, th 7th Corps, at Utah Beach as well.

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Now what happened? Obviously, whoops. Sorry about that. You get an idea of the challenges that they had.

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This pictorial kind of shows you the wide. Omaha was the deadliest of the beach.

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The Germans have placed these underwater obstacles. I'm here in the business that H.

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W is high tide. And, just low water. So there's about an 18 foot difference between the 2 tides.

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But they place these obstacles here because they knew to turn that whoever. Probably come in high tide and ships.

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Or landing crap coming in would hit these things and more either tip over or No, and they have also had lines on these things as well.

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So they blow up or something. Now here's 300 yards that you have placed these obstacles.

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And then this is called a shingle. Was an area up to this, seawall.

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And then there's another 200 yards over to the cliffs and the, of course, the report behind the cliffs.

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So the US forces had a lot, this was probably the most difficult. Beach to take. This 3 50 second infantry.

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They had something like. 68, 6,800, were experienced combat troops because they came all from the eastern front.

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They were cobbled together from, other units out, the eastern front, but they were, the other 6,000 or so we had.

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We'll, talk about them a little bit later, but they were also either conscripts.

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From the eastern countries, or, so. Anyway, this was You know, this 3 50 second was embedded somewhere over 33 mile front.

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So they covered a lot of territory. That gives you an idea that. What the, Rangers, the army based because They said on the hall was bounded either in by large rocky cliffs.

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So they had to scale the clips. They're also draws that they were focusing on.

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But we'll see in that what happened And these things, they were, these things were called, what was it?

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Hedgehogs. Basically, sometimes you see this around here on the river. You still have some of these around, here on the real ground to this patrol.

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Flooding and so forth. Anyway, these were underwater. So if you're vehicle or landing craft struck, the, you're pretty good.

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But anyway, Pretty well, his thinking was, he needed to stop the, in the beach.

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In this particular area, it really didn't have any depth in terms of portations and there that was just thinking was We're gonna we're gonna stop them at the beach if we can.

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And they place these considerable obstacles and you know the mines, they place a lot of mines, edge off the minds.

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So these are all wired up. And, you know, if they place more wires, binds up on the bus.

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So, yeah, they also had something like 4 companies, and, they had here, machine gun nests, fuel boxes.

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They had artillery including casements. They used this old obsolete tank church. This weapon was especially deadly.

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But they weren't using them on bottling tanks. So they used the most fortifications on the beach.

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These are usually with the 75 gut. They were, housing, 45 buckers.

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So. It was, it was considerable. There and then another part of it didn't help us either was It was an intelligence failure because they allies didn't recognize that the 3 fifty-second infantry division had been pulled up.

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And replace this other unit and his other unit was probably not his experience because they were Oh. Well, anyway, I'll talk down here a little bit because it happens over on Utah side as well.

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But anyway, as I said, nothing went according to plan. Landing craft or sloped you got seasick troops waiting offshore navigation with hamper by smoke and obscured landmarks.

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And then you have a strong current pushing land to, away from their designated places. So, and you have a scattering of troops.

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And unfortunately, then on top of that, they got a too far from automatic weapons in our children. So that's what I.

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So you're almost, you have the difficulties in reaching the beach with high casualty rates.

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Like you have trained the engineers and we're there to get rid of these obstacles. They got, they were moved off target.

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They also didn't have sporting fire and then work in difficult circumstances to clear these offshore.

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So, And any thank you. Leven, these, LCD ships, at least in landing craft tank ships.

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They were led off early in the water and some really swamped. Well, you got to say, well, now there's a destroyed artillery, but they did some of them make sure in order to support them.

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We're sure they muted. I know and this is one of the big ideas that they had was these draws.

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Ms. Kind of like our royals. They these areas are emptied out onto the beach well this had been a designated target this is where they thought they get in but the Germans And, and concentrate their bar.

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So any troops trying to make, you know, go forward, they were capable of moving forward. This And then what happened later on was

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Commanders either were they were either killed or they were absent. The leadership and the troops, you know, stepped up.

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And small groups, they would, pull together. They may not even been from the same unit.

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You know, they were scattered all up and down this beach. And they were trying to find their units to be with, but they started coalescing together.

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And there we start scaling the beach and that's where they were able to get up on top.

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And get in and take out the enemy defense. That is I think that was one of the keys.

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They only got about 1, 6 miles in. They, like I said, the German Resist still existed behind the front lines.

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And Beach. I would still receive an artillery fire. At the end of the day, they said you only offloaded a hundred tons, 2,400 times a day plan.

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To the beach and then casually we don't really know for sure. They said there's, there's no way to know.

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A, the, 5th core. They think it's between 5 or 6,000 killed.

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We're going to And of course, you know, his losses occurred in him through the tanks and engineers 1st land because they were just sitting ducks.

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For the Germans. But anyway, this this beach was probably the most tenless of the 5.

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And by the way, whether the invasion was gonna be your success or not.

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What's the beach has been secured? They may are one of the.

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Perfect. These mobileberry harbors, actually it's kind of heresy because we've given you an idea.



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Here's, what they had created to over on. He's mobile, they were floating across the channel, floated and then they were sunk and they created a port more or less for shifts off of their supplies.

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And they also sank a bunch of ships to create a breakwater. But these, allow for quick transfer goods from the ship walk to the beach.

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And I think these. I think he said yeah, this LST 3 42 said docking has loaded 78 nickels 38 min.

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Totally. Unfortunately, best of plans again, 3 days later they had the worst storm in the area destroyed the entire dock area in the bulb.

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And it's so they just basically, offloaded directly onto the beach. And until they got they captured, and we're able to restore it.

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But give you an idea. They offloaded that 1,000 2,000 vehicles, 9,000 tons of equipment supplies.

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And then over a hundred days falling over a million tons of supplies. I heard that was vehicles. And 600,000, man.

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And they're evacuated 93,000 casualties. So. That gives you an idea though of the extensive planning.

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You talk, this is the other US beach. Not as well though, probably. But the idea was that they wanted to share work because it was a natural port.

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It was the French port, Germans controlled it. So the idea behind Utah was to capture and walk that And that's to a key to German argument for reinforcement.

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And that was the idea behind the airborne troops. They were layered to block that. And then the, Utah was to, secured beach head.

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August, and then, you know, try to capture the, port. Unfortunately, the Germans put up enough resistance, they destroyed the port.

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Okay. That's all in here, that they got the port back open and started using it to all to provide supplies and everything.

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But Anyway, that was the idea. To block, cut off this pedestal, prevent the from reinforcement.

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So, you call, they landed 21,000 troops. Minor number of casualties out to.

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197 although the air more booked bunch And of the 14,000 being ahead, 25 min cash, which does again, flooding, aircraft either flew too low, the church or engine was any jumped.

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And then over the other they were too high and now the problem they were overspeed they were supposed to fly like a hundred 10 all an hour.

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I'm using the flag. The aircraft didn't do that. And so when you jumped out, these packs are wrong, the paratroopers got brick away.

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So they lost a lot of their supplies. So, if you're watching Bank Brothers, there's a pretty good, lenient on that too.

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Because these packs that had everything they needed or ammunition and so forth. Yeah, if you jumped out, they're playing too fast, it just ripped it off.

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So. They did. Do with what they found on the grounds. But anyway.

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So, again, yeah, main idea was do capture, work, cut off the German army.

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And then prevent reinforcement like to say though, the terms didn't destroy for it, but until September until September until late.

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Go back over again. And then at the end of the day. They landed roughly a hundred 56,000 troops

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They say here according to some estimates more than 4,000 troops lost their lives. Again, the British, and had lighter opposition, or their beaches.

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As did the Americans on Utah. Yeah, heaviest resistance was in Omaha, where there were over 2,000 casualties.

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And then, less than a week later. To get you security again. Over 300,000 troops.

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It's that vehicles, 100,000 tons, so and guaranteed almost the success of the of the program.

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Of the. So if you go to France today. You would find these.

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3 cemeteries. This is these are all run by the American Battle Monuments Commission.

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This is. Congress, established this commission to take care of all cemeteries overseas. These 3 are on the Normandy coast.

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There's more than that. But if you were to, if you go to the EMC.

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Gov or what website. You can search for burials but they also have an interactive as well.

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And oh yeah, so. And then, statistics. Yeah, but anyway, it's a good website.

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They do have a Yeah, But you look at all the cemeteries, the, American Battle of Mission takes care of.

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And this is worldwide. So this is, . But these 3 there's a website dedicated to.

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There's Utah. There is also the Ranger Memorial as well. No thanks.

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But. And it also gives you an overview. And description as what happened on, Here's a painting kind of give you an idea of the

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Cliffs if they had to. To cross and so forth. And then also there's the Normandy.

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American Cemetery. Interesting thing about I think about this one. This one has this of the 3.

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This one has the where you can browse. The names that have actually indexed the so forth so tells you where in Trump, what?

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Group, he was in the 99 infantry regi and so forth. This is, this is another one I found out 3 that has this index.

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But, you know, you can also do a search so you can look for, if.

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You have an ancestor buried in the cemetery. You can do a search, find your website as well.

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British Commonwealth also has a established this Commonwealth War Memorial. This is more extensive.

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If we're, let me pull this up real quick. I'll show you.

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They, Being in Europe, they've also got more wars. But this covers World War One or 2.

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They're, you can, yeah, all right now. Anyway, You get an You can find records.

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Where did pretty extensive. And it's like our American Battle's B. This is all dedicated to the war graves and so forth.

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And, Anyway, good website. I could give you anything about the 5 or the 3, you're probably in there somewhere, but they're, I think they're a little bit more scattered.

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A little bit smaller. Cemeteries and so forth. Also, if you're interested in books and other references.

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Here are some, here's list. I've also got that included in the resource.

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For Stephen Ambrose, he took a lot of flack because they later on in his, live he was accused of plagiarism Yeah, oops.

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And, but I mean, if you still convey the stories. And it is. He did do some good writing.

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He talks about the, especially the Band of Brothers. That book is really, Really worth reading.

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Here's another book on D-day just by itself. Of course, then again, you have Cornelius Ryan and, they wrote the longest day or so movies made out of a lot of these.

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You have then here's another link here I'll take you to. There are 5 books on D days, recommended date by historians.

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Some of these are repeats. Of course, there's longer today. You're also good to provide you a good list as well.

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New York Times has a book on the days or enlisted book. On the days. National World War 2 Museum does the same thing.

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They have articles and also books on what they call the World War Two, especially D days.

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So, looks by us. And then, you know, there you are. You can, if you're interested in those.

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You're looking up. And then again, I can't stress enough about the eyes of our residential library.

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Very extensive in terms of. Description about the D-day. And then also, you can find online documents here with links.

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Now this covers, his entire life. You know, when he was alive until before the president and so forth.

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But. He knows down here World War 2. There's a lot of D-day.

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There's the RDNs, the battle and the one. And so forth. So anyway, it's, I think the presidential library gives you.

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A lot of good information as well in terms of dating. I think that is, yep, yep.

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So. I will stop sharing. And we picked up some more people already. So anyway.

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Are there any questions? Any ideas? Any thoughts?

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Yes, I have something to say.

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No, Okay.

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I tried to win, you. Muted a while ago but I guess there was interruption you couldn't hear me.

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When you 1st started, you were downloading a file to or uploading a file to the chat, but It never appeared.

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Thank you.

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Yeah. Okay, well, let me try that again. I'll go over to you. Where is it?

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And I'll upload again.

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Thank you.

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And that was a really good presentation as always. You do such great work, on research. I appreciate it a lot.

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I know.

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I just wish I had missed so many lately, but I'm trying to get back to it.

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Where am I? I know there

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Okay, yeah, trying to find my button here. I'm missing Let me see.

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Alright.

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Oh, hang on. I know. Okay. I have my mistake.

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Yeah, this, is whoops.

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No. So again, these.

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Okay, thanks. Is showing up now. Is that just one file?

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Okay. No. Okay. That should be 2.

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There should be a work.

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2 files. Okay, I see 2 files.

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Yeah, the resource that I had was a list of websites that I had gone through initially looking for resource material.

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I mean, there's more information on, of your, you're, you're, and you throw a stiff.

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It's kinda like good. So, or everybody in their dog is written about it somewhere about it.

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But, anyway, I think the idea is that, with these links you can get more information.

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More, extensive information. About the invasion and it is pretty It isn't.

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If you're a real story, it isn't just interesting. Go read these things, especially Presidential Library.

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And you read the reports about and they talk about Thanks, they ran into what you know and the problems they ran into as well.

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So Anyway, use them to however you want. I will record as we're recording this.

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I will post this up on the internet archive since I get it downloaded. And then I'll put these, 2 PDFs in there as well.

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So if you missed, you know, if you knew somebody who missed the program, they can go to the internet archive and they can watch it there once I get it downloaded.

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